

CORNWALL IRON FURNACE

Rexmont Road and Boyd Street, Cornwall

Cornwall represents the type of furnace that produced most of America's iron from prior to the Revolution until after the Civil War. Producing pig iron from 1742 to 1883, Cornwall is one of the best-preserved charcoal furnaces in the country. Nearby, the Cornwall Ore Banks, mined continuously from 1742 to 1974, constituted the largest known iron ore deposits in America until the discovery of Minnesota's Mesabi Range in 1887. The miners' village and ironmaster's house also remain as part of this historic district. Administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the restored furnace is open to the public.